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APPLICANTS: Michael Allen Whitney, et al.
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FOR: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF SCREENING ASSAYS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated April 15, 2004. With the extension, a response is due on or before August 15, 2004.

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$420.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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